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Mortality statistics of Iloilo.

MANILA, P. I., May 14, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following mortality statistics of Iloilo, P. I., for the month of April, 1901, extracted from Asst. Surg. L. D. Fricks' report:

The report of deaths is as follows: Aortic lesion, 2; eclampsia, 10; asphyxia, new born, 3; malarial fever, 7; asphyxia, 1; apoplexy, 1; broncho-pneumonia, 1; dysentery, 2; capillary bronchitis, 1; debility, 1; lupus, 1; valvular insufficiency, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 8; gastric fever, 1; acute enteritis, 2; measles, 1; bronchitis, 1; chronic enteritis, 1; meningitis, 1; anaemia, 1. Total, 47.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Regulations to prevent introduction of plague from Hongkong and Amoy, China.

MANILA, P. I., May 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that owing to the marked increase of plague in Hongkong, and the commencement of the epidemic in Amoy, China, I had a conference with the agents of the different steamships on the 1st instant, with the result that the following regulations have been in effect since that date:

No Chinese or native steerage passengers are allowed to come to Philippine ports from Hongkong and Amoy during the prevalence of plague in those cities.

The crews are retained on board during the time the vessels are in Hongkong, and they are bathed and their clothing disinfected each voyage just prior to sailing.

Disinfection of steerage passengers for Australia, as well as the crews of these vessels, is also required.

The cabin passengers must be certified to by Asst. Surg. J. W. Kerr, and the ships must be thoroughly searched for stowaways before leaving the ports mentioned.

I consider the above regulations wise, and they are carried out without friction and with the cooperation of the steamship companies. They reduce the danger of infected ships arriving to a minimum, and do not interfere to any appreciable extent with commerce.

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PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan.

SAN JUAN, P. R., June 6, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the transactions of the Service at this and the several subports of the island of Porto Rico during the month of May, 1901:

San Juan.—Number of vessels inspected, 16; number of bills of health issued, 26; number of persons vaccinated, 10.